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REPORT

SUBJECT Observations of Naval Vessels and Harbor Installations in Ports of Riga, Vyborg, and Vysotsk

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Five reports on ship sightings and harbor observations in the ports of Riga, Vyborg, and Vysotsk

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Att. No. 1 Contains sightings of two submarines, two destroyer-like vessels, and numerous other naval vessels in the harbor at Riga. A description of a parachute-jumping exhibition is also included.

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Att. No. 2 Contains sightings of a tender and a naval vessel in the harbor at Riga on 16 September 1959. The latter vessel was about 50 meters long and had a flush deck, one funnel, one gun on the foredeck, two guns on the quarter deck, a crane or davit astern, and a wheel-shaped horizontal antenna, about one and one-half meters in diameter, and made of thin metal wire, on the mast. The sighting of 16 vessels in the Gulf of Riga is also included.

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Att. No. 3 Contains the sighting of two East German minesweepers, presumably of the HABICHT-class, in the harbor at Riga

Att. No. 4 Contains the sightings of patrol vessels

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Att. No. 5

Contains observations of naval vessels and port installations in the harbor at Vyborg and sightings of minesweepers and other naval vessels in the harbor at Vysotsk in August and September 1959.

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1. NAVAL:

[redacted] a large number of naval vessels were observed, some of which were tied up along the pier and others of which were anchored below the bridge over the Daugava in Riga. The vessels lay side by side and were so close together that it was impossible to see well enough to describe the vessels individually. Most of the vessels were MTB's and vessels of the same size, but [redacted] there were two large submarines and two destroyer-like vessels.

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In the morning an exhibition of water-skiing was given on the river between the airbase and the Export Harbor. Small sailboats and rowboats were also shown. [redacted] this had all been arranged by the Navy.

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On the afternoon of the same day there was an exhibition of parachute-jumping from some old, double-decker planes. A total of eighteen men jumped out over the river, falling right down towards the river, but at a height of about fifty meters, the wind carried them in towards the airbase. Before each jump, three rockets were shot up from the airbase, one red, one blue, and one white. At about the same time, pamphlets were spread out over the city and the harbor. This exhibition, [redacted] Soviet on-lookers, was

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arranged by the Navy.

The evening of the same day, [redacted] sent up over the airbase.

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On 27 July, in the morning, an MTB was observed on its way up the river towards Riga.

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Description: [redacted] There was a torpedo-

tube on the deck on either side of the navigating bridge. The vessel appeared to be running at full speed and the plot on the radar showed that it used exactly two minutes and eight seconds to cover a distance of two nautical miles. [redacted]

[redacted]

2. TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT ON THE PAMPHLETS:

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"Pioneers and School Children:

Go determinedly and decisively to work to take your examinations!

Prepare yourselves to become active fighters for Lenin's great objective! "

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The following Soviet naval vessels were observed in Riga

1. [redacted] at the northern end of the Export Quay. The vessel was about 50 meters long, and it had a flush deck, one funnel, one gun on the foredeck, two guns on the quarter-deck, and a crane or davit astern. There were four or five canvas-covered boxes on deck astern and three such boxes on the foredeck. On the mast was a wheel-shaped horizontal antenna which was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ meters in diameter and was made of thin metal wire. 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] an old-looking tender, [redacted] sailed out of the harbor past the Export Quay. This tender also had several canvas-covered boxes on deck. The vessel was about 70 to 80 meters long and had a long forecastle and one funnel. The engine was aft.
3. [redacted] sixteen vessels were counted in the Gulf of Riga. Several of the vessels threw searchlights on a passing vessel.

Comments

[redacted] may either be a KRONSTADT-class subchaser or of the SASHA class. It has been sighted previously in Ventspils and was reported as being of the KRONSTADT class.

[redacted] presumably the tender FEOLANT.

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4. Vysotsk. In the Vysotsk roadstead lay three rows of buoys, six in each row. An auxilliary ship of about 3000 tons went back and forth between these buoys. Seven or eight minesweepers and a tugboat were observed in Vysotsk on 30 August 1959. Vysotsk gave the impression of being in a state of decline and seemed to be not in use.

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